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## **Methamphetamine on Tribal Lands Training Program**

NOVEMBER 7–8, 2006, BEST WESTERN KWATAQNUK RESORT, POLSON, MONTANA

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Methamphetamine on Tribal Lands Training Program is a two-day course designed for tribal law enforcement and other criminal justice personnel, selected social service personnel, first responders, hazardous materials professionals, and community leaders. Recognizing the tremendous impact the methamphetamine problem has on tribal lands, this training program will be presented in a general session for all registrants on day one and in a specialized track for law enforcement personnel only on day two. The Montana State University Extension Service will present a separate HAZMAT track for non-law enforcement participants on day two.

For questions regarding registration and course content, call (800) 446-0912, extension 334 (8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., ET). Accommodations will be made for individuals with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

## [Governor's House dedicated as first step to future home construction.](#)

"We're here to celebrate the concept of the Governor's House," said Blackfeet Housing Director Ray Wilson, "and our collaboration with the Montana Board of Housing." Wilson said he'd learned of the "governor's house" at a conference in South Dakota and was so impressed with the idea he returned and began talking with the Montana Board of Housing. While the project languished for a while during the state's Republican administration, the election of Governor Brian Schweitzer created renewed interest and the talks resumed.

## ['Floating' No More](#)

By Mary Hudetz

PABLO, Mont.—The American Indian Higher Education Consortium's Student Congress and Salish Kootenai College have landmark anniversaries on the academic calendar this year, and Julian Manyhides will be present for both occasions. Manyhides, Blackfeet, is this year's president of the congress, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary, and a senior at the college, which will mark 30 years of existence in January.

## [Denied Indian mascot, McMurry forgoes nickname](#)

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ABILENE, Texas -- "Go team go!" is how McMurry University fans will be cheering from now on. After the NCAA rejected McMurry's appeals to keep its Indian mascot, the board of trustees at the private, 1,400-student university dropped the name -- and then decided to forgo a nickname altogether. "Going to a mascot that has four legs and fur just didn't fit who we are," McMurry President John Russell told The Associated Press on Monday. "To take another mascot would be to turn our back on our 83-year history. We know who we are."

## [Bush signs Internet betting ban into law](#)

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President Bush signed a bill to criminalize Internet betting on Friday but you won't hear many in Indian Country complaining. Tribes fought proposals to restrict Internet gaming for several years. "We've been very concerned that certain sectors of the gaming industry were coming forward to get a special carve-outs to do Internet gaming while other folks, including tribes, were foreclosed," said Mark Van Norman, the executive director of the National Indian Gaming Association.